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ALL OF THESE SOCIETIES have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. O. P. Shrout died at San Jose, Calif., on June 20. He was trained in the Christian ministry, later joined the Unitarians, and had been minister at San Jose for the past eleven years.

Rev. E. B. Gearhart died at Quincy, Mass., on July 25. He had a brief pastorate at Manchester, N.H., a few years ago, and at the time of his death was in charge of a Universalist Church.

Rev. J. T. Lusk died at Boston on August 22, aged seventy-one. He is best remembered for his fruitful ministry at Marietta, O., twenty-five or thirty years ago.

Rev. H. G. Spaulding died at Boston September 13, in his eighty-fourth year. He served as minister at Framingham and Dorchester, Mass., and was then for nine years the head of our work of religious education.

Rev. C. A. Drummond has resigned at Somerville, Mass., to accept a call to New Orleans, La.

Rev. Charles Pease has resigned at Sacramento, Calif., and Rev. L. A. Walker at East Bridgewater, Mass.

Rev. F. C. Doan has resigned at Summit, N.J., and accepted a call to Iowa City, Ia.

Three graduates of the Divinity Schools have been settled: Mr. A. E. Mobbs at Humboldt, Ia., Rev. A. N. Kaucher at Fort Collins and Greeley, Col., and Miss J. N. Budlong at Kalamazoo, Mich.

Rev. V. J. Hartman has accepted a call to Hackensack, N. J., and Rev. G. R. Gebauer to Keokuk, Ia.

Rev. E. B. Backus has resigned at Erie, Pa., to accept a call to Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. William Maxwell has taken charge of the work at San Jose, Calif.

Rev. P. M. McReynolds was installed at Vancouver, B.C., on June 20.

Of the Ministers-at-Large, in the Department of Church Extension, Mr. Krolfifer is at work at Passaic, N.J., and Mr. Fereshetian at Sacramento, Calif.

Buildings

The First Unitarian Church in Seattle, Wash., which sold its church property last spring, has now purchased an excellent lot at the corner of 18th and Spring Streets, and hopes soon to be in position to make plans for the new building.

The Unitarian Church in Reading, Mass., has sold its church property and is now ready to go forward with

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the building on the new lot acquired some time ago.

The adjustments of real estate have been satisfactorily made at Oakland, Calif., and at Pittsfield, Mass.

The Murdock Parsonage at Winchendon, Mass., has been sold and a new and better adapted parsonage acquired.

Plans have been prepared for the complete reconstruction of the church in Jamestown, N.Y., which will make the building much more convenient and attractive.

The opening service in the splendidly reconstructed All Souls Church in Lowell, Mass., was held on September 12. The dedication service will be held later.

The churches in Sioux City, and Keokuk, Ia., have undergone considerable alteration and redecoration during the summer.

The new building at San Antonio, Tex., is approaching completion and will soon be ready for dedication.

Summer School

The wise and generous co-operation of the Laymen's League made it possible for one hundred Unitarian ministers to attend the session of the Summer School of Theology at the Harvard Divinity School. The lectures were admirably arranged by the energy and discretion of Professor Foote, and the ministers not only enjoyed the opportunity of renewed academic life, but also the pleasant fellowship of the dormitories. The Unitarian ministers themselves held evening forums in addition to the daily lectures of the school, and were there able to discuss matters that are more particularly interesting to our own denomination.

The President's Journey

The President of the Association, Dr. Eliot, spent a strenuous month in Europe during the summer. He went as one of the American delegates to the meeting of the International Committee of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship and as a delegate of the American Mayflower Council to the Pilgrim Tercentenary celebration in Holland. He also found opportunity of conferring with the European members of the Executive Committee of the International Congress of Free Christians, and to meet the European delegates who are to be in Boston during the first week in October, at the time of Boston Tercentenary celebration. He preached at Nottingham, in England, and at the American Church in Paris, met with the Executive Committee of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, and with the officers of the Anglo-American Society and of the English Speaking Union, and fulfilled his duties as delegate in Switzerland and in Holland. He also had opportunity for discussing in Paris the affairs of the ruined Protestant Churches of Northern France and of conferring in England with many of the leading English Unitarians.

Department of Religious Education

The Summer Institutes of Religious Education, recently closed, have been of unusual interest. The meeting at Andover was largely attended. Dr. Florence Buck was in charge, with Rev. Hugh R. Orr, of the Staff of the Department, assisting. The "imported" lecturer was Dr. Henry F. Cope, who as directing head of the Religious Education Association and as an author and lecturer in this field holds a foremost place among religious educators in America. At Star Island the Secretary of the Department was in charge, and Dr. William Byron Forbush was the employed specialist. Dr. Forbush is the founder of the Knights of King Arthur, and an author of standard books about and for boys. He won the admiration and affection of the large company in attendance, as Dr. Cope did at Andover. Addresses and sermons were given at Star Island by Miss Jones and Miss Brown of Bulfinch Place Church, Bos-

ton, Mr. Reccord of Detroit, Mr. Baker of Bellingham, Mr. Adlard of Ottawa and Mrs. Lambert of Hinsdale, Illinois. Of both these Institutes it may be said that in attendance and general interest, they at least came up to the highest point so far reached by them, while in the proportion of actual Church School teachers and officers in attendance and in the eagerness with which they sought for help in the work in which they are engaged, they both mark a new high point in their history.

At the other two institutes, Chicago and Chautauqua, we entered upon new fields, and the venture has been amply justified. The Chicago Institute was the longest so far attempted, extending over five weeks. Equally significant was the fact that those in attendance enrolled as regular members of the University of Chicago Summer School, and took full academic work under the professorial staff of the University. In addition, they attended the semi-weekly lecture conferences held by Dr. Lawrance, and systematically availed themselves of the additional advantages afforded by the University, the City and the neighboring churches. This introduction of the highest university standards into our teacher-training marks a new era in our work, and its success was such as to demand its continuance and its further development in succeeding years.

At Chautauqua, under the leadership of Dr. Buck, the Institute was again longer than has been usual, extending over three weeks, and of academic grade. Dr. Shailer Matthews of the University of Chicago, Dr. Luther A. Weigle of Yale University, Miss Georgia Chamberlin of the American Institute of Sacred Literature were the regular lecturers, while Miss Lewis, Dr. Buck and Dr. Herbert L. Gates of the Congregational Staff each gave lectures through one week. A distinctive feature of this Institute was that it was held in cooperation with other denominations, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Disciples and Unitarians uniting in the common effort to raise the standard of teaching in their various bodies. Here, again, the success of the experiment was pronounced, and a beginning was made in what can not be permitted to lapse without great loss.

It is the intention of the Staff of the Department of Religious Education to begin at once to plan for the summer Institutes for 1921. These should be held again in the same places as during the past summer, in each aiming to carry the work to higher levels. In addition, there should be Institutes similar to the several types so far developed in other parts of the country, so that the help thus given may be felt more widely. Not until such Institutes become so numerous and so dispersed in location as to make it at least possible for every Unitarian Church School worker in the United States and Canada to attend one of them will our goal be reached. And not until our churches as well as our workers realize that the religious guidance of our young people not only justifies but demands special preparation for the work, shall we have done our full duty toward our own children, and so have entered upon our rightful heritage as a church.

The Autumn Meeting of the Unitarian Sunday School Society will be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on October 20th. The Michigan Conference will be in session there at that time, and the occasion will be further marked by the installation of Rev. Julia N. Budlong as minister of the church in Kalamazoo. Miss Budlong, who is a graduate of the University of Iowa and of the Pacific Unitarian School for the Ministry, was one of the members of the Institute in Religious Education, held at the University of Chicago last summer. Religious Education is a leading interest with Miss Budlong, and as her nearest ministerial neighbors, Dr. Robins at Ann Arbor and Mr. Reccord at Detroit, are similarly

minded, that section bids fair to be one of our most progressive fields in this kind of work. Toledo, Ohio, is also to be counted in this group, as our church in that city belongs to the Michigan Conference, and its minister, Dr. Westwood, is intelligently interested in modern religious pedagogy.

Ye Olde Parsonage

In the spring of this year, the Directors of the American Unitarian Association, realizing that practically no plans had been made for the accommodation of visitors to Plymouth on the occasion of the three hundredth anniversary, voted to open a hospitality house. After some search, very pleasant accommodations were secured in "Ye Olde Parsonage," on Leyden Street, a fine old house built in 1734, attractive not only for its historic location, but also for its accessibility and nearness to many points of interest.

The house was open from June 22 to September 13. Two rooms were maintained for the use of guests: one attractively fitted up with tables and free writing material; the other as a reception room where all information and assistance was gladly given. Postcards, Plymouth booklets, and Unitarian books were offered for sale, and tracts of the American Unitarian Association, Unitarian Temperance Society, Laymen's League, in addition to the tracts of the Association especially printed for this occasion, were distributed to the extent of over 6,000.

Undoubtedly the immediate success of this venture was due in a large part to the co-operation of the ministers in displaying in the churches the attractive posters which were sent out describing the hospitality house. In June the average number of visitors each day was ten; in July there were sixty-five; in August there were eighty; and in September, fifty; making a total number of visitors almost 6,000, about two-thirds of whom were casual visitors who stopped only for a few moments to secure information about the history of the house, the auspices of the organization under which it was run, to take some of the free literature, and to be directed to the points of interest. The others, however, stayed for some time, and availed themselves of the many privileges afforded by the writing-tables, comfortable chairs, and congenial surroundings. Many of those who came in the latter part of the season stated that they had been referred by friends.

Large crowds visited these rooms on the days of such special excursions as the Congregational Tercentenary Pilgrimage, the Swedish Baptist Convention, on July Fourth, the General Electric Company outing, and on Labor Day. By far the largest part of the visitors were made up of those of other faiths than Unitarian, and many of them were quite outspoken in their commendation of the enterprise. A guest book was kept in which about half of those who visited the house registered. The register shows visitors from forty-two states, and from Canada, England, France, Scotland, Africa, Australia, South America and Japan.

The rooms were in charge of young women from the Boston office of the Association, who alternated during the summer, giving a part or the whole of their vacation to the work.

About the middle of July, through the voluntary service of the Alliance of the First Church of Plymouth, the wonderful church building was opened to the public, and altogether 5,000 people were received. Many tracts were distributed, and much interesting information was given by the ladies in charge which was deeply appreciated. During the summer five other hospitality houses, differing in details from ours, but for the same general purpose, were established, but it is quite evident that the two really successful enterprises were "Ye Olde Parsonage" and the opening of the First Church.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Miss Lucy Lowell, *President*
Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes, *Treasurer*
Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Recording Secretary*
Mrs. Robert H. Davis, *Corresponding Secretary*

The Alliance and the Campaign

Questions

1. What has The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women accomplished in the past? 2. What are its plans for the future? 3. How much money will be required to carry out these plans?

Answers

1. The Alliance has helped to furnish and equip new churches and parish houses, thereby increasing their fitness for valuable work, has stimulated the women of the parishes by making them feel themselves a part of a great organization, and has had a share in keeping alive discouraged societies, which might otherwise have ceased to exist. 2. Its plans for the future are to continue to do these things, by means of visits of a Field Secretary and from its volunteer officers and directors and through its committees. 3. At least $100,000 are needed, that the income may be used for salaries, traveling expenses, and work of committees.

Each branch is urged to devote at least one meeting before November 21, 1920, to arousing enthusiasm for the Campaign, and to making better understood its object and its deep significance. The Campaign committee has assigned to each church a quota to be raised, and the Alliance branch is asked to find out its share and proceed to raise that amount and more. If a speaker is desired, application may be made to Mrs. Cloyd H. Valentine, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

International Meeting

Thursday, October 7, 10 A.M. at Unity House, 7 Park Square, Boston, will occur the Alliance Meeting of International Week. Miss Lowell will preside.

Greetings from Mrs. William L. Voigt, chairman of the International Committee. Addresses on the "International Work of Women," by Miss Hilda Hargrove of the International Union, Mrs. W. Blake Odgers, former president of the British League, Rev. E. Rosalind Lee of Glamorgan, Wales, Mme. Paul Loyson of Paris. Rev. Joel H. Metcalf is expected to speak on the "Women of Hungary." Miss Ellen Emerson and Mrs. Claude U. Gilson will speak briefly on "Some Aspects of War Work Done by the Women of America."

From Miss Mitchell

Before I sail for England in early October, I would send a personal message of Fellowship, love, and greetings to all Alliance women in Canada and the United States, to thank you once again for having invited me to America last April as your guest. I think I have had the most wonderful time of my life.

From the day I landed in New York I have always felt "at home" in your Alliance, because of the faith and the love of the common ideals which make us one; and this glad experience has only been deepened as I traveled in the east and attended your May meetings, and then journeyed that wonderful 7,000 miles,—across Canada from Montreal to Victoria, south to California, and so back to Boston and your headquarters. I have grown to love your Alliance very dearly and I would share this love with the women of the British League when I return.

Let us make "Friendly Links" between these sister organizations; let us

co-operate as never before to hold, wherever they may go, the women and girls of our Faith in living spiritual communion with our churches and branches. We are truly one Household of Faith, so let fellowship in this Faith be the strongest bond between us everywhere.

"God be with you till we meet again" and year by year may The Alliance and the League draw closer together in and through this work which is the joy of our lives.

GRACE MITCHELL,
Fellowship Secretary British League of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women.

Executive Board

At the meeting of the Executive Board held June 11, 1920, Miss Lowell expressed heartiest appreciation of the efforts of those who helped to make the May meetings successful, and votes of thanks were passed to the speakers at both sessions, to the organist, Mrs. Alma Faunce Smith, to the committee in charge of the arrangements at Tremont Temple, and to the faithful ushers who kept doors closed during the addresses.

Because of her attendance at a two days' conference in Montreal, Miss Lowell was unable to accept an invitation to represent The Alliance at the 75th anniversary of the Meadville Theological School, and Mrs. Coil of Marietta, Ohio, voiced the greetings of The Alliance on that occasion. At the Montreal conference with Miss Lowell were Miss Grace Mitchell representing the British League and Miss Mary Lawrance representing the Religious Education Department of the Association.

The Board voted to ask Miss Mitchell to convey the greetings of The Alliance to the branches in Canada, every one of which she is to visit, thanks to a gift from the Billings Lectureship Fund in addition to what friends in England contributed for the trip. A vote of thanks was passed to the American Unitarian Association for enabling Miss Mitchell to go as Billings Lecturer to the Alliance groups of Canada.

News was received of the illness of Rev. John L. Robinson of Swansboro, N.C., and a vote of cordial appreciation was passed of what he has accomplished in the seven years of his ministry in North Carolina, together with an expression of sincere regret at his illness. The recipient of the special scholarship at the Tuckerman School for which an Appeal was issued this year, is to go to Shelter Neck, N.C., in the autumn, where her experience as trained nurse will make her a valued helper.

On motion of Mrs. Davis it was voted to send affectionate greetings to Mrs. Charles G. Ames on her eightieth birthday, June 14.

Mrs. St. John has received over $500 for Hungarian embroidery and will continue to send whatever is contributed. The need is very great.

After considering the request of the Social Service Council that The Alliance aid Americanization at Bulfinch Place Church, Boston, to the amount of $500, the Board voted heartily to commend this work to the branches of Greater Boston with the hope that the necessary funds may be contributed by them. The feeling of the central committee on Social Service is that its province is to suggest and advise rather than to undertake any specific efforts.

A new branch was reported by Miss Lowell, Hemet, Calif.

New life members are: Miss Ella Rutledge, Mrs. Ella M. Wilder, Mrs. F. O. Dodge, Mrs. Emma E. Marean, Mrs. Roderick Stebbins, Mrs. William Noyes.

To the Memorial list have been added these names: Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Carrell by Buffalo, N.Y., First Branch; Mrs. Charles B. Davis by Lexington, Mass.; Mrs. Caroline Hodgson by Dover, Mass.; Mrs. Hannah J. Phelps by Leicester, Mass.; Mrs. John

E. Dodge and Mrs. R. W. Thurston by Fall River, Mass.; Mrs. Elizabeth M. Hutchings by Norfolk Branch, Dorchester; Mrs. Abby A. Peterson by Jamaica Plain; Miss Mary Coleman Wheeler and Miss Rebecca Olney Sheldon by Providence, R.I., First Branch; Mrs. Abby Hersey Nichols by Portland, Me.; Mrs. Cordelia Mitchell Bunker by Roxbury First Branch; Miss S. Emma Marshall by Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Helen C. Fish by Dedham, Mass.; and by personal gifts of relatives or friends, Mrs. Lucy J. Sturtevant, Concord, N.H., Mrs. Sara Dana Monroe, Brighton, Mass., Mrs. James W. Pierce, Quincy, Mass., Mrs. Mary G. Lamb, Waltham, Mass., Mrs. Elizabeth Stone, Waltham, Mass., Miss Ellen Maria Whitaker, Providence, R.I.

The following resignations were accepted with appreciation of the service rendered by each director: Mrs. Donald M. Blair, Mrs. E. M. Whiting, and Miss Jennie F. Woodbury of Massachusetts; Mrs. William B. Donnell of New Jersey; and Mrs. J. H. Anderson of Pennsylvania.

It was voted to send only four copies of the Alliance Manual to each branch, to president, secretaries, and treasurer. Any Post Office Mission or Cheerful Letter chairman may have a Manual for the asking. It is hoped that many will ask and receive this most useful reference book for Alliance workers.

At the meeting of September 10 twenty-six were present from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania. Miss Lowell in her word of welcome expressed the hope that we may get strength from The Alliance for our new responsibilities in these serious times.

The budget for 1920–21 was carefully considered and in order to make the income equal the estimated expenditure, it was voted to issue an Appeal to the branches for $1,500 to further the general work, including that of committees; also to ask the branches to secure new subscriptions to Word and Work. It was voted to renew the annual Appeals for Green Harbor, Meadville and Pacific Schools, and the Tuckerman School for Parish Workers; and to ask for $1,000 for a Sunday School Worker, and $2,000 for Southern Circuit, the estimated expense for the year.

The resignations of Mrs. Edward E. Allen and Mrs. James A. Bailey Jr., Massachusetts directors, were accepted with regret. Miss Helen L. Bayley of Hyannis, Mrs. Sidney Peterson of Newton, Miss Mary B. Phillips of North Andover, Miss Evelyn Sears of Boston, and Mrs. Homer S. Taylor of Greenfield are newly elected directors in Massachusetts, which is again entitled to twenty-four. Mrs. Edward F. Chamberlin of Orange is acting director for New Jersey. Mrs. Franklin C. Southworth of Meadville is director for Western Pennsylvania. Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatley has accepted the chairmanship of the Sunday School committee.

Two new committees have been added in accordance with Miss Mitchell's suggestions and the work of the British League: Fellowship, Miss Mary C. Sawyer, chairman, Mrs. Louis C. Cornish, Miss Agnes Costigan, Mrs. Herbert S. Griffin, Mrs. Waldo C. Hodgdon, Mrs. Charles H. Patterson; Committee on Friendly Links, Miss Mary F. Gill, chairman, Miss Laura Ray Donnell, Miss Helen C. McCleary, Miss Louisa H. Napier, Miss M. Louise Perry.

To the Memorial list have been added these names: Miss M. Alice Scott by Waverley friends; Miss Jean B. Priestley by Northumberland, Pa.; Mrs. Ellen F. Moriarty by Holyoke, Mass.; Miss Ella Whitney by Sherborn, Mass.; Mrs. Paul M. Chamberlain by Alliance friends.

An interesting letter from Rev. G. S. Kukhi told of wonderful opportunities for Unitarian propaganda in Cairo and Jerusalem. He appeals for copies of the *Christian Register*. The Alliance

has sent Mr. Kukhi $150 from the Missionary Fund.

Letters were read showing the great value of Miss Grace Mitchell's visits to the branches in Canada, to those at Seattle, Wash., Portland, Ore., and several in California. In addition to Alliance meetings, Miss Mitchell has spoken before young people's societies, and by special request has more than once taken a Sunday devotional service attended by men and women. The cause of liberal religion and that of international fellowship have been vitally strengthened by our visitor from England with her rare spiritual message. She has met the need of many hungering souls.

The next meeting will occur October 8.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

The Manual

The new Manual is now in the hands of branch officers. Remember that an afternoon with the Manual, topics assigned to several members, will prove of value to those who take part and those who listen. It is our own contribution to history and should be of interest. Study the tables, note the increase in membership and in the amount of money raised by the branches, and find other hidden treasures. If errors are discovered they should be reported at once to The Alliance, 25 Beacon St., Boston. Great pains have been taken to make the record accurate and complete.

Post Office Mission

In accordance with the plan outlined in the spring the following sermons have been collected at the headquarters under which their names are listed. It is understood that they are *in limited numbers* so that it may not be possible to supply all requests in full; but as long as they last they are for the use of all who write for them.

NEW YORK

"On Belonging to the Church," S. M. Crothers.
"Tabernacles of the Eternal," S. M. Crothers.
"The New Conception of Citizenship," C. E. Park.
"Christian Manifestation," C. F. Russell.
"Followers of the Gleam," A. M. Lord.
"Folks and Angels," A. M. Lord.
"A Wonderful Gift," Thomas Van Ness.

CHICAGO

"The Field of Religion," S. M. Crothers.
"Christianity and Nationalism," C. E. Park.
"Christian Perfection," C. F. Russell.
"Self-realization," C. F. Russell.
"Politics and Religion," Wilton E. Cross.
"In the Presence of God," C. E. St. John.
"The Refining of Ethics," William R. Cole.

SAN FRANCISCO

"Belief and Unbelief," S. M. Crothers.
"Worship," S. M. Crothers.
"Why the Nations Rage," C. E. Park.
"Individuality," C. F. Russell.
"Problems of the Near East," Wilton E. Cross.
"What is the Meaning of 'Pray for Me'?" T. R. Slicer.
"Divine Emphasis," C. E. St. John.

International Committee

The Superintendent of the Garderie in Antibes, France, writes: It is with my heart full of gratitude that I write these few lines to thank you and yours for your generosity in helping us, in our labor of love for the children in this little corner of France! But for the continued financial support of 525 francs a month from Mrs. Voigt and the members of the Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church, our child welfare work would have been shut down for want of means, and the poor children of the town would have been deprived of our care. May God bless you all for your great kindness! Dr. Brochet, our Medical Director, is writing to send you the thanks of the mothers of the children. May I ask to have this letter printed in WORD AND WORK so that all who have generously supported Mrs. Voigt's appeal for our work, may know how very much their kind help is appreciated?

On the 2d of October we complete our fifth year of work and are giving a school treat to past and present children who have been under our care

at the Crèche and the Garderie. The Municipality we hope will attend officially, and we will have a lantern slide demonstration of our "War Work," taken from photographs of the children from 1915 to 1920. We expect to have about three hundred mothers and children, besides French and British friends who are coming to help us serve the tea.

We understand the 525 francs a month will continue till December, 1920, and in the meantime we are hoping to make an appeal through the New York *Herald* to help us endow this "Child Welfare Bureau" in perpetuity.

My mother and sister join in sending warmest thanks to all for their great kindness to us in our work.

Sincerely and gratefully,

GLADYS M. W. WILSON.

Greetings to Our Juniors!

"I give you the end of a golden string,—
Only wind it into a ball;
It will lead you in at Heaven's gate
Built in Jerusalem's wall."

Blake.

It is not permitted to many of us to visit Jerusalem and see its wonders, but we each have a symbolical gate of Heaven which we are ever striving to enter. The threads at which we clutch to guide us may prove only tinsel. How shall we find the golden string of the poet to draw us through the wall that blocks our way to the Life worth living?

Surely it is the privilege of our Junior groups to test the glittering threads, stretching out in so many directions, and to find which to follow. Many have been tried and may be learned about by applying to Miss Gill, who can give information regarding the splendid work of our Juniors last year.

The members of the Junior Fellowship Committee wish Godspeed to all our groups in the months of the winter before us.

LAURA R. DONNELL,
Chairman.

Isles of Shoals

The Alliance meeting of July 7 at the Shoals was attended by forty-four representatives of twenty-eight branches. Mrs. Wm. E. Barry of Kennebunk, Me., presided. A general conference on Alliance interests made up the morning program. Mrs. A. R. Scott of Bangor, Me., spoke at the evening session on "The Service of The Alliance to Church and Community." Mrs. Alma Faunce Smith received $200 for four scholarships in the Carolina Industrial School.

Mrs. W. B. Nichols of Quincy, Mass., was in charge of a sale of useful and fancy articles, which netted for some of the smaller housekeeping needs of the hotel a total of $315.70. The committee would express its grateful appreciation to all who contributed articles and to those who bought.

That Unitarians may know of the splendid opportunities at the Isles of Shoals, Mrs. William I. Lawrance will gladly make appointments to speak about the Shoals and Star Island before Alliances for her expenses only, during the winter of 1920–21. Address Mrs. William I. Lawrance, 16 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

News from the Branches

Minnesota New Americans. The Nazareth (Norwegian) Branch of Minneapolis has disbanded and turned the balance of its funds into the treasury of the Alliance of the First Unitarian Church. The Nazareth Church was sold several years ago. The Ladies Aid of the Free Christian Church of Virginia became a branch during Mrs. Chamberlain's visit to Virginia. It is called the Dorcas Alliance. Mrs. Lappala, the wife of the minister, writes that the Virginia branch has always been active. They meet twice a month, the hostess serves refreshments, the women sew and visit and sometimes a program is given. Visitors give free-will offerings, which usually amount to from $10 to $20. Not less than $100 is netted at the

sales which are held in the spring and fall. All the money is turned over to the treasurer of the church. A very interesting feature of the work of the Dorcas Alliance is that of monthly meetings for the study of civics, American history, and other subjects that will help the (Finnish) women to become better mothers and better citizens.

Both of our Norwegian branches, Hanska and Underwood, had unusually successful needlework sales and suppers last fall and both are paying for improvements; in Hanska a basement and furnace for the parsonage, and in Underwood repairs to the interior of the church. Underwood has had eleven monthly meetings and is rejoicing over six new members. It has tried to answer all requests from branches. Mrs. Norman reports that the Alliance meetings in Hanska are becoming more like afternoon socials with an attendance of from sixty to eighty people. Mr. and Mrs. Norman are trying to make the people of their church and community American citizens as well as good Christians.

Appeals

Two new Appeals are presented at this time. In addition to the annual call for $2,200 in support of our Southern Circuit work, the Executive Board recommends to the branches $2,000 for the Carolina Industrial School. Although the School is not directly under the control of The Alliance it is very closely affiliated with the Southern Circuit work and is among our most worthy missionary enterprises, and it is hoped that by placing it among our regular Appeals a wider interest may be secured among the branches. Those which have generously contributed to the School in the past are urged to continue their support, regarding the call as among the regular denominational Appeals. Instead, therefore, of sending contributions directly to the Treasurer of the School, please forward to the Alliance Treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Noyes, 25 Beacon St., following the same plan as with other regular Appeals. In this way the amount needed can be recorded each month in WORD AND WORK, and the Appeal can be withdrawn when the sum asked for has been secured. The Carolina Industrial School is an excellent opportunity for enlisting the interest of Junior Alliances.

The second Appeal is for our own work. Last year the branches were asked to furnish the money for College Centres and Social Service committees. This year the work is expanding in so many directions that the Executive Board does not present any specific need but asks the branches to contribute in support of the general work. The increasing cost of administration, the higher charges for railroad travel, and the expanding work of the committees can not be met by the one-third membership dues and the income from invested funds. Hence this Appeal for $1,500 for furthering the general work of The Alliance, in order that our work may not be curtailed, or cease to grow. Let all branches show their faith in The Alliance and their loyalty to the cause by contributing generously and promptly to this Appeal.

This year $1,000 is asked for Sunday School Worker to continue the experiment so well begun last year of sending, in co-operation with the Religious Education Department of the American Unitarian Association, a trained worker to assist Sunday Schools in need of advice and help. See Miss Lowell's annual letter to the branches.

EFFIE E. WHITMAN,
Chairman Appeals Committee.

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$400
Meadville Students	250
Pacific School Students	250
Tuckerman School	250
Sunday School Worker	1,000
Nashville, Tenn., church furnishings	700
Carolina Industrial School	2,000
Southern Circuit	2,200
General Alliance Work	1,500

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Rev. Houghton Page, *President*

Miss Adeline B. Pfleghaar, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Our Western Call and Our Answer

For some time it has been the ambition of the Young People's Religious Union to do some definite work on the Pacific Coast and through the Central West and your directors believe this is the logical time to do this thing.

For a good many years the call has come to us to send a Field worker to California and the Pacific Coast who could present our message to the churches in that district. Criticism has been made that we did not appreciate the necessity for doing this definite work and that the West was in need of some one to do missionary work for the young people of that district.

Your directors have secured the services of Mrs. Charles H. Thompson, Jr., at a salary of $1,200 per year. This will enable us to keep in touch with the far West and will also tend to make us stronger in the field of Unitarianism as far as the young people are concerned. Time will eventually prove the wisdom of this venture.

Another thing of far reaching importance is the work we are to do in the Chicago and Central Western district. September 15, Miss Pfleghaar, Field Secretary, leaves for a three months' stay in that vicinity and will work in connection with the Chicago League for Young People which has been formed very largely through the efforts of Mr. Frederick West, a former Boston Federation worker.

A pleasing feature of this venture is the fact that it is financed through the interest of a friend who is convinced of the necessity of this work and is willing to make a substantial contribution to help us in our determination to do our part in this field. It is an interesting fact that the Laymen will have a series of meetings in Chicago during October. This convinces your board that now is the psychological time to accomplish our ideals.

Another feature of interest is the trip through the Meadville district which Mr. J. Harry Hooper is to make in October.

Further details of results attained by these workers will appear from time to time and we shall hope by the success of them to justify our courage in taking these vital steps.

In spite of all this new work it is not the intention of your directors to neglect the Eastern section and soon a trip through the Maine district will be taken by Rev. Ben Franklin Allen, through the co-operation of the Maine Conference, which will pay one half of the expense. A trip is also being planned through the New York and New Jersey district.

During the absence of Miss Pfleghaar, Mrs. Elliott will be in the office at 25 Beacon Street.

All this leads us to believe that the Young People's Religious Union is to have the most useful year of its history and when at the 25th anniversary we make account of our stewardship we shall hope to have the satisfaction of having accomplished a work that shall have established a permanent foundation for greater things to come and the establishment of definite centers of work for the future.

O. A. McMurdie.

News Notes

Pacific Coast: Mrs. Charles Thompson, our new field secretary, and two volunteer workers have been on the campus of the University of California during registration time and they are now sending invitations to all Unitarian students to join the Channing Guild. Mrs. Thompson expects to visit all the churches in that section of the country during the coming months.

Office Notes: Miss Pfleghaar, field secretary, will start for the middle west, with headquarters at the Western Conference, September 15, to be gone three months. She will work with the Chicago League for Young People, organize young people's groups in many of the Universities and will also visit our western churches. During her absence Mrs. Emily Hargrave Elliott will be office secretary. Her office hours will be: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9.30 to 1.30; Thursday and Friday, 1.30 to 4.30.

Mr. Heath Onthank of Arlington and director of the National Board has been appointed Campaign Chairman for the Y. P. R. U.

Reports of the activities of each local Y. P. R. U. as to what you are doing and what you hope to do should be sent to this office for publication in the *Christian Register* and Word and Work. Send all reports to Rev. Ben Franklin Allen, Chairman of Publicity Committee, 25 Beacon St., Boston.

Notice

Would you be interested to attend an informal class this fall for the discussion of young people's work, to be conducted by Mrs. Minnie P. Valentine? Send your name and address to Mr. Howard H. Searles, 25 Beacon St., Boston, with a statement saying that you would be interested in such an informal class and state also the time that would be most convenient for you to attend.

Unitarian Temperance Society

Central Office: 16 Beacon Street, Boston.

Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, *President* — Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge, *Secretary*
Rev. James A. Fairley, *Vice-President* — Mr. Edward J. Rowse, *Treasurer*

On November 1, Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge will be engaged by the Unitarian Temperance Society as Field Secretary, and will be available to speak at various church services, Alliances, and young people's meetings in our churches, and in other liberal churches which care to affiliate with us. Mr. Rutledge's connection with the Society in this capacity marks a decided broadening of its work, and also the assurance of carrying out the program launched at the Annual Meeting at Arlington Street Church in May.

The officers and directors have urged increased activity on the ground that some years must elapse before the Federal law can be adequately enforced, and that enforcement can best be secured through education. In addition to the publication of leaflets and articles covering the essentials of prohibition and health control, the program also requires intensive personal work. An important part of this work will be the organization of conferences and meetings in local churches, the organization of local Temperance Committees, the strengthening of such work already established in a number of churches, and the spread of information regarding the benefits of prohibition. The importance of securing such information from all available sources for the purpose of emphasizing to voters the benefits of prohibition was strongly urged at the last annual meeting by Dr. Charles W. Eliot. Such material is now being prepared for early publication.

Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk of the Life Extension Institute thus tersely words our program: *"The general health program and the temperance program are one. Shall we be healthy and efficient is the same question as, Shall we support prohibition?"*

Good health is essential to efficiency. The development of efficiency means self-control. Self-control implies temperance in all things in order to make possible the fullest development of all our powers both spiritual and physical. We are not seeking physical well-being merely for the sense of increased physical power, but we seek it for the added mental and spiritual power to offer to whatever cause commands our allegiance. In this field the Unitarian Temperance Society expects to do its most effective work.

Resolution adopted by the American Unitarian Association at the Annual Meeting, May 25, 1920.

"In view of the remarkable results already achieved by the 18th Amendment:—

Resolved, That our churches are urged to give this great adventure in social righteousness and service their loyal support, and to co-operate with the Unitarian Temperance Society in its efforts for the enforcement of the law and the extension of its work in the wider fields of public health and character."

New Leaflets issued by the Society, will be sent upon request:

Loyalty and Vitality. The Temperance Program of Today.

Prohibition and Health. Notes from addresses by Dr. Charles W. Eliot and Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk, Annual Meeting, May 24, 1920.

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